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SUBJECT: BUTHELEZI AND NAUDE APPEAL FOR END TO FOREIGN
INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. BEYERS NAUDE OF CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE AND CHIEF
GATSHA BUTHELEZI RELEASED JOINT STATEMENT IN LONDON
MARCH 10 CALLING FOR END OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN SOUTH
AFRICA. BOTH IN PAST HAVE SUPPORTED QUALIFIED INVEST-
MENT AS POSITIVE FORCE IN FOSTERING CHANGE IN THE
REPUBLIC. STATEMENT NOW REFERS TO FOREIGN INVESTMENT
IN WHITE SOUTH AFRICA AS "DEVOID OF ALL MORALITY."

2. EMBARGOED COPIES OF THE STATEMENT WERE PROVIDED TO
LONDON PRESS CORPS MARCH 9 BUT ONLY THE "GUARDIAN"
FEATURED IT. TEXTS OF NAUDE'S LETTER TO PRESS AND OF
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JOINT STATEMENT WHICH WERE PASSED TO US BY LOCAL

PRESSURE GROUP, CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA.
FOLLOW.

3. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

A. YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE OF THE CRITICAL STANCE WHICH THE C.I. ADOPTED SOME YEARS AGO IN THE MATTER OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA. IT ENDORSED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPROCAS PUBLICATION ENTITLED 'POWER, PRIVILEGE AND POVERTY' REGARDING THE NEED FOR MEANINGFUL ECONOMIC CHANGE AND THE MINIMUM STEPS WHICH FOREIGN INVESTORS SHOULD TAKE TO ASSIST IN SUCH CHANGE TAKING PLACE.

B. SINCE THEN NEW DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN AND AROUND SOUTH AFRICA IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE LIBERATION OF THE BLACK COMMUNITIES OF OUR COUNTRY (AFRICAN. COLORED AND ASIAN). NEW FACTS HAVE ALSO EMERGED ON THE RELATIVE INEFFECTIVENESS WHICH FOREIGN INVESTMENT HAS HAD IN ACHIEVING MEANINGFUL CHANGE TOWARDS A JUST SOCIETY, AND THE SEEMING LACK OF AWARENESS OF THE URGENCY THAT THE PACE OF SUCH CHANGE HAS TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY STEPPED UP TO ENSURE A NON-VIOLENT PROCESS OF CHANGE IN PROCURING FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS FOR BLACK WORKERS AND A GREATER SHARE IN THE ECONOMIC WEALTH OF THE COUNTRY.

C. A STATEMENT WHICH MR. M. C. BOTHA, THE MINISTER OF BANTU ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT MADE IN AUGUST LAST YEAR INCREASED MY CONCERN ON THE ISSUE AND WHEN I DISCOVERED THAT CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI HAD AND FELT URGED TO EXPRESS SIMILAR CONVICTIONS I INDICATED MY WILLINGNESS TO ENDORSE AND BE PUBLICLY ASSOCIATED WITH THESE VIEWS. I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT I AM DOING THIS IN MY PERSONAL CAPACITY BUT I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE C.I. WILL ENDORSE IN PRINCIPLE THE VIEWS EXPRESSED. YOUR COOPERATION TO ENSURE THE ENCLOSED STATEMENT WILL RECEIVE ADEQUATE AND RESPONSIBLE PUBLICITY WILL BE DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

YOURS SINCERELY, C. F. BEYERS NAUDE
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4. BEGIN TEXT OF STATEMENT:

A. FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA.
A STATEMENT BY CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI AND DR. C. F. BEYERS NAUDE.

B. A RADICAL REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH, LARDARD
POLITICAL POWER IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A STABLE AND MORAL SOCIETY IN SOUTH AFRICA.

C. IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR OVER A CENTURY CAPITALISTIC
PATERNALISM HAS PRODUCED THE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE WHICH
MAKES US REJECT GOVERNMENT BY MINORITY ELITE MEN HAVE
BEEN CONSISTENTLY DEHUMANIZED, THE MANY BLATANTLY
CRUSHED TO PRODUCE WEALTH FOR THE FEW, AND THE WHOLE

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OF SOCIETY DESIGNED TO PROTECT AND INTENSIFY THIS NAKED
EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN.

D. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THIS CAPITALISTIC ENDEAVOR
IS DOOMED. IT WILL FAIL BECAUSE THE SELFISHNESS OF

SOUTH AFRICA'S WHITE ELITE IS ALREADY UNREALISTIC AND CANNOT SURVIVE IN TODAY'S WORLD. IT WILL FAIL BECAUSE THE NEEDY MILLIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA REQUIRE FOR THEMSELVES THE LIBERATION THEY WITNESS AMONGST THEIR BROTHERS IN NEIGHBORING STATES. IT WILL FAIL BECAUSE NO "CONCESSIONS" CAN RELAX THE GRIP OF CAPITALISTIC CONTROL ENOUGH TO ENABLE THE OPPRESSED MASSES TO DISCOVER AND EXPRESS THEIR OWN DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT IN OUR LAND.

E. WITHIN THIS FRAMEWORK WE MUST RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY THE HON. M. C. BOTHA' MINISTER OF BANTU
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ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

"...IN THE ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK OF THE COUNTRY THE ECONOMY OF THE HOMELANDS IS INTERWOVE WITH THAT OF THE REPUBLIC AND IT STANDS TO REASON THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOMELANDS CAN NOT BE CARRIED OUT AT A PACE WHICH WOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTRY....

F. IF THE HOMELANDS EXIST TO MAKE LABOR AVAILABLE TO MAINTAIN THE CASH ECONOMY AND STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE ELITE (BLACK, WHITE OR BOTH) AND TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC BUFFER ZONE OF HOMELAND ECONOMIES TO PROTECT THE CENTRAL ECONOMY AND PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR THE FAVORED FEW. WE CAN COME TO ONLY ONE CONCLUSION FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THE CENTRAL ECONOMY IS DEVOID OF ALL MORALITY.

G. IT IS EQUALLY EVIDENT THAT ATTEMPTS TO INCREASE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EMPLOYERS AND INVESTORS WITHIN THIS SYSTEM WILL DO NOTHING TO PRODUCE THE RADICAL REDISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH AND POWER WHICH ARE THE ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES OF JUSTICE AND PEACE. NOR CAN PROFESSIONAL ECONOMISTS IN THEORETICAL DEBATE PRODUCE A RELEVANT SOLUTION. PROGRESS DEPENDS ON REALIZING THE PRIORITIES AND POWER LOCKED IN THE WISDOM OF THE BLACK MAN WHO HAS SUFFERED AND WILL SURVIVE TO MAKE THE REAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW SOCIETY WHICH HE IS SEEKING.

H. WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA HAVE DENIED BLACKS ACCESS TO THE CENTRAL PARLIAMENTARY DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. THEY HAVE IMPOSED ON BLACKS A DIVIDE AND RULE POLICY AS THOUGH THE BLACKS OF THE COUNTRY HAVE NO RIGHT TO SPEAK ON ISSUES OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE. THE QUESTION OF INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA IS ONE SUCH ISSUE. WE CALL FOR A NATIONAL CONVENTION IN WHICH THE BLACKS IN SOUTH AFRICA CAN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES ON THE MATTER OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT.

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